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The Honorable James M. Hanley, Chairman  
Subcommittee on Employees Benefits  
Committee on Post Office and Civil Service  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your letter of 1 April 1971 regarding certain bills to be taken up by your Subcommittee dealing with invasion of privacy of Federal employees. Your letter notes that these bills are similar in many respects to Senator Ervin's bill (S. 762) which passed the Senate last year.

As you may be aware, certain provisions of that bill directly conflicted with the statutory responsibilities of the Director of Central Intelligence for protecting intelligence sources and methods, and data relating to the organization of the Central Intelligence Agency. Insofar as these and similar provisions are incorporated in bills under consideration by the Subcommittee, we would urge that this Agency and its employees be fully exempted from the application of such legislation.

For your convenience, I am enclosing herewith copies of pertinent correspondence relating to the Ervin bill which I believe explain in part the reasons for our concern about the provisions in question.

My Legislative Counsel, Mr. John M. Maury, has been in touch with Messrs. Martiny and Barton, of the Committee staff, and either he or I will be happy to meet with you at your convenience to discuss the matter further.

Sincerely,

**SIGNED**

Richard Helms  
Director

Enclosures

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